

## Basement Beauty

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Asked to transform an unfinished basement into an “epic entertainment area,” Mark Fox had to address the interests of multiple family members whose needs ran the gamut from a game room, bathroom and gathering area to a home gym, bar and gymnastics studio.

The client wanted to maintain an open floor plan, and create a space with personality to combat the nine-year-old home’s lack of character. However, incorporating multiple rooms and functions while maintaining an open plan presented challenges.

To counter this, Fox placed the family room in the center of the basement, with open site lines to the other program spaces. The family room and adjacent bar became the central hub of the new floor plan, while the gymnastics studio, fitness center and storage area were tucked away along the perimeter. Frameless glass doors promote visual connection from the fitness area to the social areas, while full-height mirrors create the illusion of spaciousness.



New ductwork was required, but Fox wanted to retain the ceiling height, so space for the ducts was framed out around the perimeter only, maintaining the higher ceilings in the central area and creating a coffered ceiling effect.

The space is given character through rustic finishes such as rough-hewn reclaimed timber, McGrory, Inc. Soapstone countertops, a Native Trails Cantina Bar Antique Finish copper sink and Rohl faucet, barn doors, natural stone, and tongue and groove ceilings.

Other products include Village Handcrafted Cabinetry Maple Flush inset in Grey Timberwolf, Genaldi Glass Mosaic tile, Fisher Paykel Double Dish Drawer dishwasher, Sub-Zero 24” refrigerator drawer, American Standard toilet, Delta Victorian Centerset Lavatory Faucet and custom shower with Kohler showerhead.